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SUBJECT : GENERAL AMIN REASSURES FOREIGN DOCTORS

1. PRESIDENT AMIN HAS REASSURED FOREIGN DOCTORS THAT THEY ARE " BEST FRIENDS OF UGANDA" AND THEIR SERVICES ARE APPRECIATED BY ALL UGANDANS. GENERAL WAS ADDRESSING DOCTORS APRIL 6 AT MULAGO HOSPITAL AT REQUEST DR KASIRYE, MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF HOSPITAL AND ACTING PERMSEC OF MIN HEALTH. KASIRYE SAID SOME DOCTORS HAD ASKED HIM TO ADVISE PRESIDENT OF THEIR CONCERN OVER NUMBER OF THEIR COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE " RUN AWAY FROM THEIR SERVICES." AMIN BLAMED THIS ON PROPAGANDA WAGED AGAINST UGANDA BY BRITISH, WHO DO NOT WANT UGANDANS TO MANAGE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS, OR ON THREATS AGAINST DOCTORS BY GUERRILLAS. GENERAL ADVISED ANY WHO GET IN ANY TROUBLE OR CONFUSION TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM IMMEDIATELY.

2. AMIN ORDERED THAT UGANDAN DOCTORS WILL BE PERMITTED TO GO ABROAD ONLY TO ATTEND SPECIAL COURSES. NOR IS THIS TIME TO RETIRE ANY DOCTORS OR NURSES, HE SAID. LIBYA, HE ADDED, HAS OFFERED TO BUILD 20 HEALTH CENTERS IN UGANDA BUT THERE ARE NO DOCTORS TO MAN THEM. THERE IS THEREFORE URGENT NEED
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TO TRAIN AND RECRUIT MORE DOCTORS, GENERAL SAID.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE IS IN REACTION TO CLEARLY APPARENT
DETERIORATION IN MEDICAL SERVICES NATION- WIDE OWING TO
DEPARTURE FROM COUNTRY OF LARGE NUMBER OF BOTH FOREIGN AND
UGANDAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

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